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For: **INTELLIGENT DEVICE SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
DISTRIBUTION OF DIGITAL SIGNALS ON A WIDEBAND SIGNAL
DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM**

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

Response to the Office Action mailed May 21, 2003 in the above-identified patent application, which was assigned a shortened statutory period expiring on August 21, 2003, was due without extension on August 21, 2003. Enclosed herewith is a Petition requesting an extension of time of three (3) months to respond to the Office Action, thereby extending the deadline for response to and including November 21, 2003 with the Extension. Accordingly, the present response is deemed to be timely filed. Should there be any fees due and owing with respect to this amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge such fees to deposit account no. 18-0586.

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STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 - 5 are pending.

Claims 1 - 5 stand rejected.

Claims 1 – 5 have been amended herein without prejudice.

Reconsideration, in light of the amendments made herein, is respectfully requested.